



COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT TO BOARD

DATE: October 28, 2015 _____ COMMITTEE Awards _____

HIGHLIGHTS: On Sunday, September 27, at the D4 Conference, the Awards Committee presented our award recipients for the (YWPA) Young Women in Public Affairs Award and the (JMK) Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship.

Co-chair Karin Eckart gave our report and presented JMK Scholarship winner Regan Fitzgerald, sponsored by the Zonta Club of St. Catharines. She gave an interesting personal talk on her experience in arriving at her present plan for the future.

In addition, Karin reminded our clubs of one of our committee's important goals – which is to encourage more clubs to participate in the Awards ... and when not sponsoring a candidate, to consider donating to support the Awards financially.

Unfortunately, YWPA winner Alexandria Iwanenko, submitted by the Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park was unable to attend. Co-chair Bonnie Clesse gave an update on Alex based on her interview. Alex is very grateful for how our Zonta award has helped her to expand her horizons and experiences in preparation for her career.

CHALLENGES: We continue to consider additional ways to encourage our clubs to participate in offering the YWPA and JMK.

We encourage clubs who are not sponsoring candidates to consider donating money to support the awards.

The material for the YWPA Award 2016 is now available on-line at Zonta International

<http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/YoungWomeninPublicAffairsAwards.aspx>

Respectfully submitted:

Karin Eckart and Bonnie Clesse

Co-chairs of the D4 Awards Committee